

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 347

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Cato Johnson to the state university board of the University of Memphis.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-101, provides for the governance of the University of Memphis by a state university board; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that the governor shall appoint eight (8) members to the state university board of the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, further provides that at least three (3) of the gubernatorial appointees shall be alumni of the institution for which they are serving and that at least six (6) of the nine (9) voting members of the state university board shall be residents of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Cato Johnson to the state university board of the University of Memphis for a term that will expire on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson currently serves as Senior Vice President of Public Policy/Regulatory Affairs and Chief of Staff for Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare System in Memphis and has been in the employ of the system since 1985; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Memphis, Mr. Johnson holds both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to public service, he is a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission, chair of the TennCare Medical Advisory Committee, former chair of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and a former member of the Tennessee State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the state university board of the University of Memphis shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate and the House of Representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Cato Johnson to the state university board of the University of Memphis for a term that will expire on June 30, 2026.